D-206 Lane Methodist Episcopal Church Taylor's Island 1897 Private

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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

### **DESCRIPTION SUMMARY**

The Lane Methodist Episcopal Church stands at 4511 Hooper's Neck Road in the center of Taylor's Island, Dorchester County, Maryland. The single-story, gable-front frame church, built in 1897, is supported by a brick pier foundation, and the exterior is clad with plain weatherboards. A medium pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The gable front elevation is largely covered by a bi-level entrance tower capped by a short, pyramidal roofed spire. The interior is finished with narrow tongue-and-groove beaded wainscoting around the perimeter of the entry. The church faces west with the roof oriented on an east/west axis.

#### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Land Methodist Episcopal Church, located at 4511 Hooper's Neck Road, stands in the center of Taylor's Island, and it is one of the last tangible remnants of the African-American community that defined this section of the island. Built in 1897, the single-story frame church is supported on a brick pier foundation, and the exterior is clad with plain weatherboards. The gable front structure is covered by a medium pitched gable roof covered with asphalt shingles.

The west (main) elevation is defined by a bi-level entry pierced by a double door entrance that is flanked by narrow single pane windows. Fixed in the wall surface beneath the north window is a marble datestone inscribed, "Lane M. E. Church, 1897." Above the entrance the tower narrows into a small tower with a pent eave marking the transition between sections. The tower is covered with asbestos shingles. The front of the tower is pierced by a diamond shaped four-pane window, whereas the sides are pierced by rectangular louvers. The squat tower is capped by a pyramidal roof. Fixed atop the roof is a cross. The entrance tower is flanked by single story shed roofed additions covered with asbestos shingles. The edge of the main roof is finished with an extended eave.

The north and south side elevations are three bays across with single pane sash windows marking each bay. On the north and south sides there are exterior brick stove chimneys that rises between the first and second bays from the west corner.

The east (rear) elevation is partially covered by a shed roofed apse with narrow windows in each side. There is a rear four-panel door to the right (north) of the apse.

The interior is finished with narrow beaded edge, tongue-and-groove wainscoting.

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Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

### SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY

Lane Methodist Episcopal Church is one of the few tangible landmarks of the African-American presence on Taylor's Island. Located a few hundred yards south of the Bethlehem Methodist Episcopal Church, the single-story rectangular frame structure is a modest gable roof chapel featuring a two-tiered entrance tower covering by a low pyramidal roof. Inset in the siding to the left of the double door entrance is the original marble datestone inscribed, "Lane M. E. Church, 1897." While this church dates to the last years of the nineteenth century, an African-American church was located in this immediate vicinity for at least twenty years prior since a "Color'd Church" is indicated almost next to the Bethlehem Church on the Parson's Creek district map that included Taylor's Island in the 1877 Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas. The cemetery for this congregation is located directly behind the Bethlehem Church in a small clearing.

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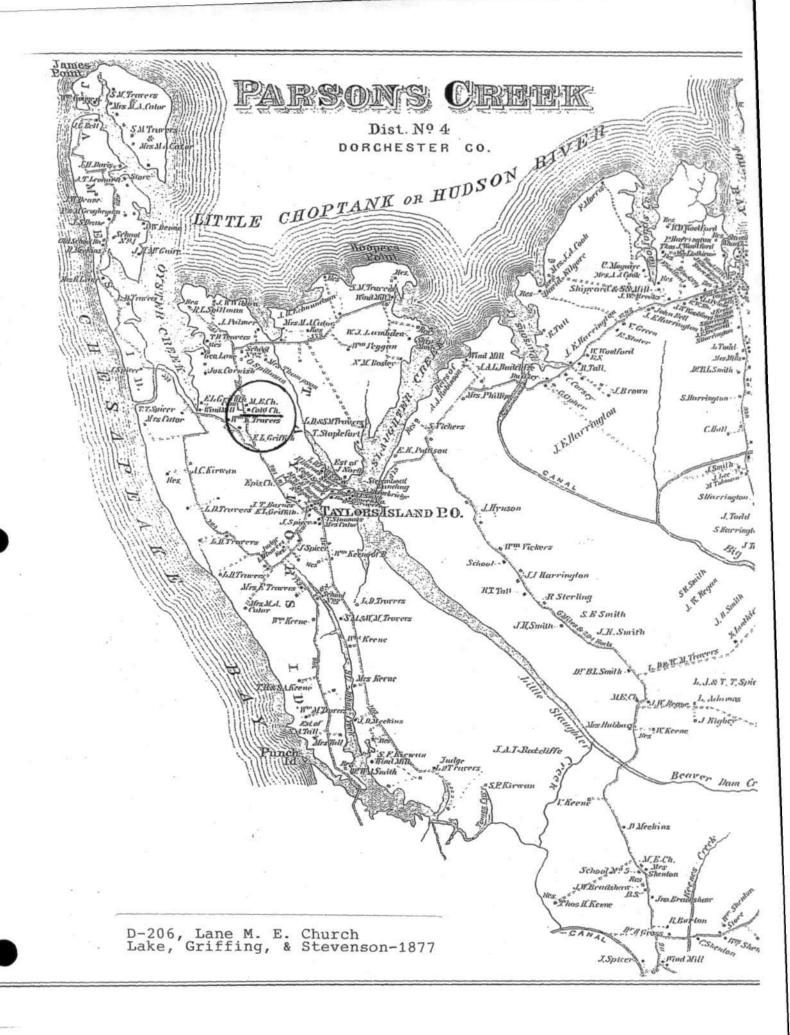
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Albert Stanley, Chairman; Maggie Bennett, Willie B. Cornish, Roosevelt Cornish, Julia Cornish, Irvin Cornish, Asbury Palmer, Oliver Stanley, Travers Stanley, Trustees for Lane's United Methodist Church



## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Inventory No. D-206

Dorchester County Land Records, various volumes, Dorchester County Courthouse.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property Acreage of historical setting Quadrangle name

½ acre
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Taylor's Island, MD

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

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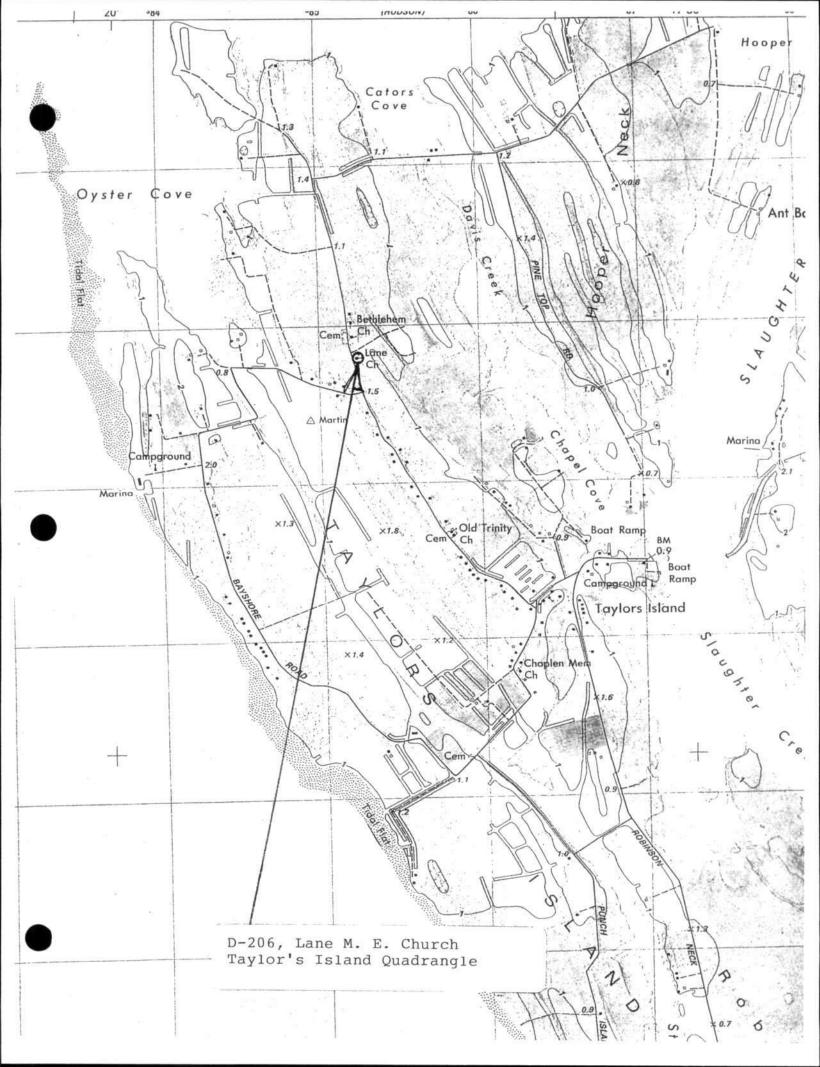
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Dorchester - 206 Lane Methodist Episcopal Church Church Road Taylor's Island, MD 21669

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The present Lane Methodist Episcopal Church was built in 1897. It is approximately 100 yards from historic old Bethlehem Methodist Episcopal Church on Church Road, Taylor's Island.

The church is twenty feet across the front facade and fifty-six feet in depth. The building is gabled (east-west) and faces west. It is sided with weatherboard and has a composite shingle roof.

Lane M.E. Church is the successor to an older black Methodist congregation. I tried to determine if the congregation was always called Lane (which I doubt), but I was unsuccessful. The church is built on property that once belonged to Bethlehem Methodist Episcopal Church.

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The present Lane ME Church was built in 1897. It is approx. 100yds. from historic old Bethlehem ME Church on Church Road, Taylor's Island . The church is 20' from the east side of the road and faces west. It is 36' across the front facade and 56' in depth. The building is gabled (east-west) and rests on brick piers. It is made of Weatherboard and has a composite shingle roof. The entr nce (west) is reached by three cement steps that lead to double wooden doors (4 panel) painted red. There are two clear-glass lights atop the entrance. There are two one-over-one(clear glass) windows 12 in the front facade (one on each side of the door). The entrance was built at a later period then the church and it gives the building an unbalanced appearance. There is a very brief tower that joins the west gable with a cross atop. This towar has a diamond shaped upaned (clear-glass) window in the front (west). There are 3 clear glass 1-over-1 (52') on the south side of the building and three more on the north side. At the rear of the building (east) there is an entrance 3staps up to a single wooden upanel door. There are 2 elongated rectangular 1-over-1 clear glass windows lig! in the east end. There is another building on the southside that is currently being used as a hall.

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### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Lane ME Church is the successor to an older black congregation on Taylor's Island. There are few blacks remaining on the Island and they are engaged in the maritime industry. I tried to determine if the congregation had always been known as Lane ME (which I doubt) but I was unsuccessful. The church is located very close to historic old Bethlehem ME Church an roperty that once belonged to the older white congregation. It was once a mission of Bethlehem Church.

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401

(301) 267-1438

### MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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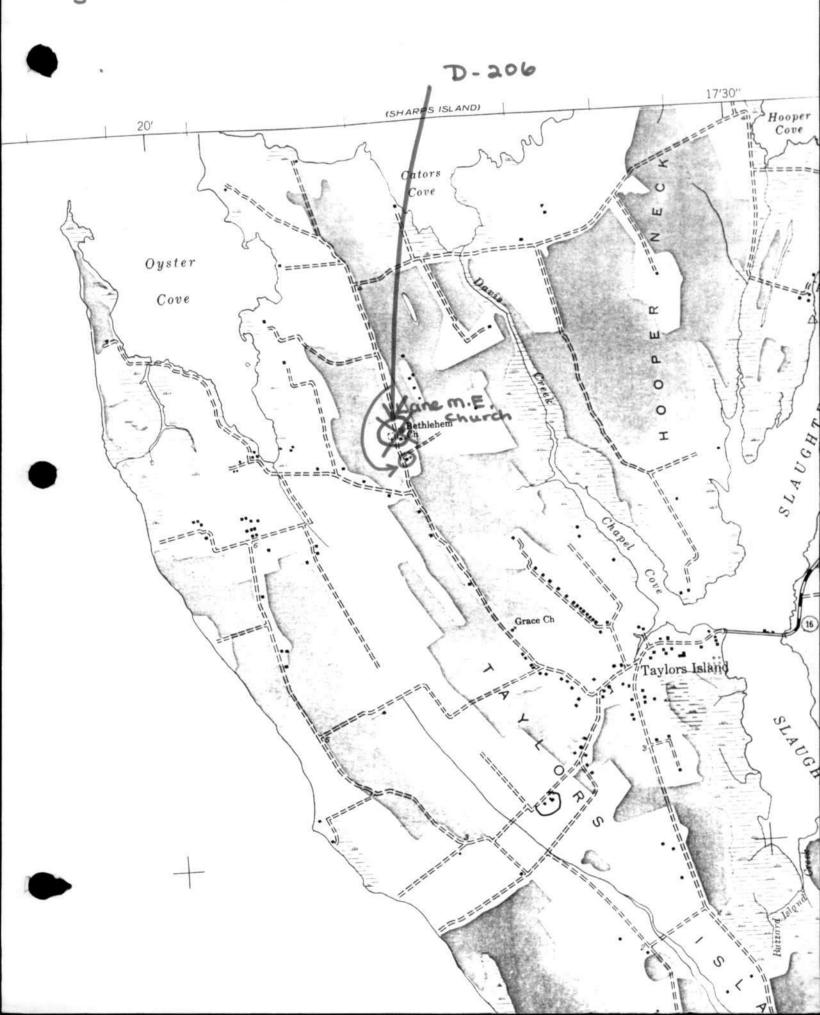
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This is the Methodist Episcopal church for the black community of the Island. It is three bays long and two bays wide, constructed on brick piers. According to the plaque on the side of the door, it was constructed in 1897. It is a typical meeting house building. The windows have 6/6 sash. On the west gable of the building is a tower entrance. Flanking the door, with transom, are two windows with 1/1 The tower itself goes up to the eave height of the main part of the structure, where there is a hood and then the tower gets smaller, also square and continues approximately up to the ridge. In this section on two sides are louvers and in front is a four pane sash set on the diagonal. This area is then covered by an octagonal spire on a hip roof, giving the empression of a witches cap. Its finial is a simple round spire. On each side of the building is a brick chimney for stoves inside. It lacks any stylish classification.

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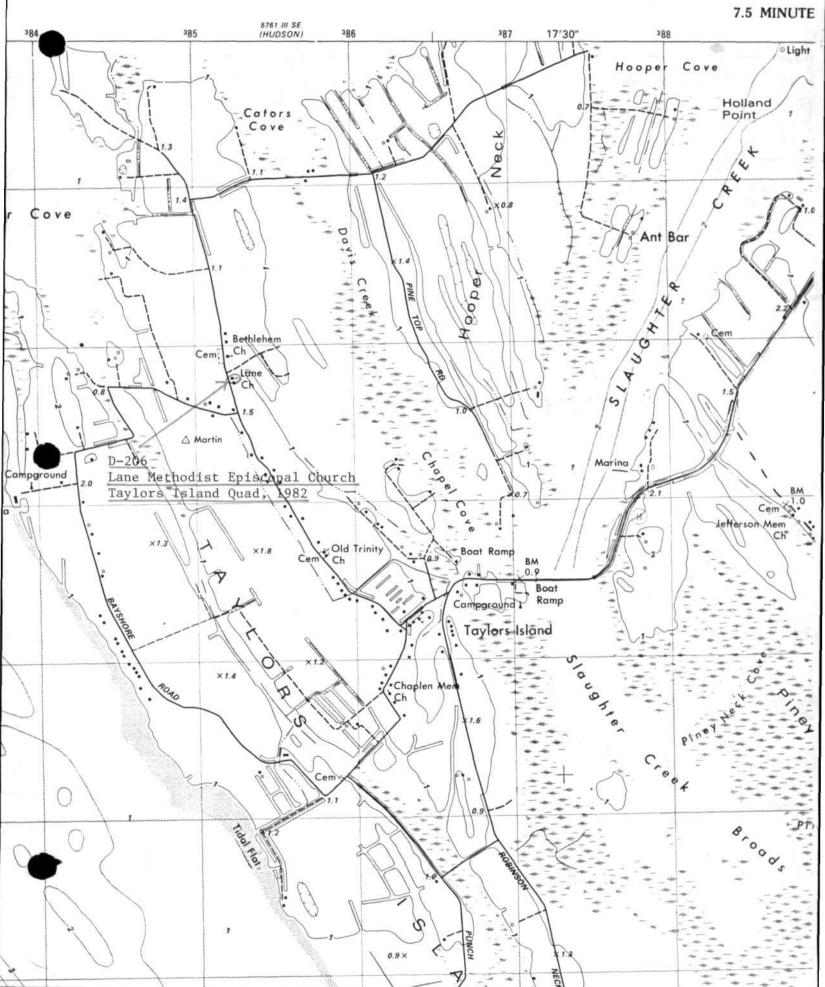
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